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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S NOVEMBER 25 PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: IN LENGTHY NOV 25 PRESS CONFERENCE COVERING WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, KING TOOK GENERALLY UP-BEAT, CONFIDENT APPROACH. CLAIMING SAHARA ISSUE NOW CLOSED AND FULL AGREEMENT IN EFFECT WITH MAURITANIA, HE FORESAW EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD RELATIONS WITH SPAIN. UN NOW HAD ONLY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVE BENEDICTION TO AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG PARTIES, IN

KING'S VIEW. HE MADE CLEAR THAT ALGERIA, HOWEVER, REMAINED MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEM. WHILE HE SEEMED TO DISMISS ALGERIAN TROUBLEMAKING CAPACITY, HE ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE USE OF MERCENARIES BY F POLISARIO. HE AT SAME TIME INDICATED THAT ALGERIAN CHANGE OF HEART WOULD OPEN DOOR TO NEW RELATIONSHIP, ALTHOUGH DISPLAYING NO OPTIMISM THIS MIGHT COME ABOUT. KING ALSO IMPLIED RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS HAD IMPROVED. CONCERNING INTERNAL AFFAIRS, KING PREDICTED FIRST STAGE OF ELECTIONS BY END OF YEAR AND THOUGHT THE SITUATION CONCERNING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS LIKELY TO BE SEEN MORE CLEARLY BY JUNE OR JULY 1976. END SUMMARY.

2. IN WELL-ATTENDED NOV 25 PRESS CONFERENCE, KING RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS PREDOMINANTLY IN FRENCH BUT OCCASIONALLY IN ARABIC AND ONCE IN ENGLISH. HE WAS IN EXPANSIVE MOOD AND IN OPENING REMARKS IN FRENCH DECLARED THAT MOROCCO'S OBJECTIVES IN SAHARA HAD BEEN REALIZED AND HE WAS THEREWITH CLOSING SAHARA FILE. KING REAFFIRMED PROMISE TO HAVE TEA IN AL AYOUN BEFORE END OF YEAR. SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

A. THE GREEN MARCH: KING SAID MOROCCO HAD HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO UNDERTAKE MARCH. HE EXPRESSED GREAT PRIDE THAT GOVERNMENT APPARATUS HAD BEEN ABLE TO KEEP MARCH PLANS SECRET FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME -- A FEATURE HE CALLED KEY TO MARCH'S SUCCESS. FIGURE OF 350,000 MARCHERS CHOSEN BECAUSE THAT WAS NUMBER OF PERSONS BORN EACH YEAR IN MOROCCO. KING ADMITTED TO SOME NERVOUSNESS OVER ITS SUCCESS, BUT DENIED IT HAD BEEN A GAMBLE.

B. SPAIN: CONTINUING THEME OF RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, KING WAS FULL OF WARM PRAISE AND FRIENDSHIP TOWARD SPAIN. HE SAID THERE WERE NO LIMITS ON POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES "ON EVERY SUBJECT AND AT EVERY LEVEL". WHEN ASKED TO INTERPRET SPANISH "ZIG-ZAG" DIPLOMACY DURING MARCH, KING DENIED ANY SPANISH WAVERING. HE SAID TWO SIDES HAD BEEN "RESPONSIBLE" IN DESIRE RESOLVE PROBLEM. HE CITED FRANCO'S WANING DAYS AS DISRUPTIVE FEATURE IN SPANISH POLITICS. KING SAID ALGERIA HAD PLAYED "ENERGY GAME" WITH SPAIN DURING TALKS AND HE REVEALED THAT CERTAIN "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" HAD IN SOME FASHION GIVEN SPAIN GUARANTEES THAT ANY WITHHELD ALGERIAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WOULD BE SUPPLIED FROM OTHER SOURCES. HE

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SAID WHEN THIS HAD HAPPENED AND SPANISH ARMY WAS ASSURED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE HUMILIATED, MATTER WAS QUICKLY SETTLED. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, HE CITED SHARED VALUES AND SIMILAR REGIMES AS BASIS FOR FOSTERING CLOSE RELATIONS. KING NOTED NEITHER SPAIN NOR MOROCCO MEMBER ANY EAST-WEST BLOC AND HAD FREEDOM OF ACTION. HE CALLED IN GENERAL MANNER ON THE TWO COUNTRIES TO DEFEND ONE ANOTHER.

C. GIBRALTAR, CEUTA AND MELILLA: IN DISCUSSING COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO, KING REFERRED TO LAST LOS CONFERENCE AND IMPLIED THAT GIBRALTAR COULD NOT COME UP WITHOUT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID THAT THE DAY SPAIN OBTAINS GIBRALTAR, MOROCCO WILL HAVE CEUTA AND MELILLA. HE ADDED THAT NO POWER COULD PERMIT SPAIN TO POSSESS BOTH SIDES OF THE STRAITS (SIC). ASKED LATER BY A BRITISH CORRESPONDENT WHETHER THIS HAD IMPLIED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH SPAIN TO EXERT PRESSURE ON BRITAIN, KING EMPHATICALLY ANSWERED IN NEGATIVE. HE DENIED ANY "DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS" HAD TAKEN PLACE ON SUBJECT AND SAID IT WAS "SUPPOSITION -- FOR THE FUTURE". KING SAID ENGLAND MUST SOME DAY GIVE GIBRALTAR TO SPANISH AND AT THAT TIME SPAIN WOULD INEVITABLY TURN OVER CEUTR AND MELILLA TO MOROCCO. HE STRESSED THAT MOROCCO NOT EXERTING ANY PRESSURE ON THIS SUBJECT. ASKED AGAIN WHAT MOROCCO WOULD DO IN THE FACE OF SPANISH REFUSAL, KING ANSWERED THAT MOROCCO STILL DEFINING ITS FRONTIERS. HE SAID THAT IT HAD PLENTY OF TIME AND WAS UNHURRIED. HE EXPRESSED REGRET TO HIS "ENGLISH FRIENDS" BUT SAID AGAIN THAT SOME DAY ENGLAND MUST GIVE UP GIBRALTAR. HE REPEATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRESSURE ON THIS MATTER AND DISMISED IDEA OF MANIPULATION OF MOROCCAN WORKERS ON GIBRALTAR OR FOOD SUPPLIES.

D. NORTH-SOUTH AXIS: HE WAS ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION ON NORTH-SOUTH AXIS BETWEEN FRANCE, SPAIN AND MOROCCO. KING SEEMED HAPPY TO ENDORSE SUCH SPECULATION, NOTING THAT GENERAL DE GAULLE HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY WITH HIM DURING COURSE OF A VISIT TO FRANCE YEARS AGO. HE NOTED THAT THREE COUNTRIES ARE ONLY ONES WITH BOTH ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN SHORES. HE SAID HE NOT TALKING ABOUT AN "AXIS" OR "COALITION", BUT HE SAW DEFINITE "COHESION OF INTERESTS, HOMOGENEITY OF DEVELOPMENT, AND COOPERATION". KING
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NOTED THAT MOROCCO HAD LIVED 600 YEARS WITH TURKS ON RIGHT FLANK. MOROCCO HAD THEREFORE LIVED "VERTICALLY", NOT ONLY TOWARDS EUROPE BUT ALSO SOUTHWARD TOWARDS AFRICA. HE SUGGESTED ITS FUTURE ORIENTATION WOULD BE SIMILAR.
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E. ALGERIA: ASKED WHETHER SAHARA DIFFERENCES HAD DERAILED CONSTRUCTION OF "GRAND MAGHREB", KING REPLIED IT NOT DEAD BUT THAT IT HAD GOTTEN OFF TO BAD START. ALGERIA FOLLOWING ITS INDEPENDENCE HAD CHOSED TO STRESS ITS "POLITICAL/SOCIAL OPTION", WHILE MOROCCO AND TUNISIA HAD OPTED FOR A SOCIO/ECONOMIC EMPHASIS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IDEAS WOULD SOME DAY BE RECONCILED, BUT PREDICTED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ON ECONOMIC BASIS. KING ALSO STRESSED IT UNIMPORTANT WHO MAKES FIRST GESTURE TOWARD RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MOROCCO
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AND ALGERIA, ALSO MAKING A DIFFERENTATION BETWEEN "BROTHER AND NEIGHBOR" ALGERIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. HE HOPED THAT PRESENT ALGERIAN POLICY WAS BASED ON TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT RATHER THAN GEO-POLITICAL OUTLOOK. HE RETURNED AGAIN TO THE

THEME THAT MOROCCO, WITH TURKS ON ITS FRONTIERS, HAD NOT ONLY MAINTAINED ITS CULTURE AND FLOURISHED BY LOOKING ELSEWHERE BUT HAD SIMPLY FORGOTTEN THE EAST. ASKED ABOUT A NEWS REPORT THAT ALGERIA PREPARING TO GO TO WAR OVER THE SAHARA, KING SAID THAT IF ONE WERE TO TAKE SERIOUSLY STATEMENTS OF ALGERIA'S PRESIDENT ONE WOULD SURELY HAVE TO EXPECT WAR. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT WARS ARE NOT FOUGHT WITH ARMIES BUT WITH ENTIRE PEOPLES, AND HE REALLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT ALGERIAN PEOPLES' INTENTIONS WERE. KING REACTED VERY STRONGLY TO REPORTS EMANATING FROM ALGERIA CONCERNING ALLEGED ROYAL FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN HASHISH TRAFFICKING (SEE ITEM ON DRUGS BELOW).

F. MAURITANIA: KING WAS REMINDED BY JOURNALIST OF MOROCCAN REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE MAURITANIA FOLLOWING ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HERE KING SEEMED TO SEPARATE HIS POLICY ON MAURITANIA FROM THAT OF HIS FATHER, CLAIMING HE NEVER WANTED TO ATTACH MAURITANIA TO MOROCCO. KING SAID AFTER ASSUMING THRONE HE HAD CALLED FOR A REFERENDUM IN MAURITANIA TO LET MAURITANIANS DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISHED TO BECOME MOROCCANS OR REMAIN INDEPENDENT. HE SARCASTICALLY DENIED HE HAD TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS, COMMENTING THAT JUST BECAUSE HIS ANCESTORS CONTROLLED TIMBUKTU AND SEVILLE DID NOT MEAN HE INTENDED TO CLAIM THOSE PLACES. MOROCCAN TIES TO MAURITANIA HAD BEEN MUCH LOOSER AND MORE INDIRECT THAN WITH SAHARA. IF HIS ADVICE HAD BEEN FOLLOWED, MOROCCO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE MAURITANIA. MOROCCO'S ATTITUDE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN HAD PROVED ITS GOOD INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS MAURITANIA, HE ASSERTED. WHEN ASKED WHERE THE FRONTIER BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO WOULD BE LOCATED, KING ANSWERED THAT THAT QUESTION NOT TOTALLY DETERMINED BUT STRESSED THAT THERE NO FRICTION NOW ON THE MATTER NOR WOULD THERE BE ANY. IN DISCUSSION TERRITORIAL DIVISION, HE RECALLED QUESTION POSED TO ICJ ON NATURE OF MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN LINKS WITH SAHARA.

G. F POLISARIO: KING ACKNOWLEDGED THERE HAD BEEN SOME
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"SECURITY OPERATIONS" IN EASTERN SAHARA, BUT THAT NO "WAR" GOING ON THERE. HE SAID THAT THERE NO ALGERIAN CASUALTIES, BUT SOME SEPARATIST ELEMENTS HAD SUFFERED LOSSES. KING CLAIMED THAT MOROCCO FULFILLING DUTY OF MAINTAINING SECURITY. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, KING SAID MOROCCO WOULD GIVE MAURITANIA ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN CONTROLLING THE TERRITORY AGAINST F POLISARIO INCURSIONS, PROVIDED MAURITANIA ASKED. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF F POLISARIO OCCUPATION OF SAHARAN POSTS IN SOUTH WITH OULD DADDAH, WHO WAS TOLD (PRESUMABLY BY BOUMEDIENE) THAT MORE WILL BE HEARD FROM F POLISARIO. KING PREDICTED F POLISARIO MAY NOW BE SAHARANS BUT LATER MAY BE OF

ANOTHER NATIONALITY. MENTIONING THOSE WHO LIVE IN SUGARFIELDS (CUBA), IN THE TROPICAL FORESTS OF VIETNAM, OR IN THE "RAINY" COUNTRIES OF EUROPE (PRESUMABLY E. EUROPE), HE ASKED RHETORICALLY HOW THEY COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN SAND, WITHOUT WATER, IN ENVIRONMENT WHERE VISIBILITY STRETCHES FOR 30 KMS. HE DISMISSED F POLISARIO ABILITY POSE ANY REAL PROBLEM.

H. UNITED NATIONS. KING SINGLED OUT WORDING IN LAST UN RESOLUTION ON SAHARA WHICH REFERRED TO ARTICLE 33 IN UN CHARTER. NOTING THAT ARTICLE 33 CALLS FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN "CONCERNED PARTIES", KING URGED ALL PARTIES IN FUTURE LITIGATIONS TO MAKE USE OF IT. SAID UN WILL SURELY GIVE ITS "TOTAL AND CALMEST BENEDICTION" TO SETTLEMENTS ARRIVED AT IN THIS WAY.

I. USSR: ASKED TO COMMENT ON SOVIET PERM REP MALIK'S ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL DURING SAHARA CRISIS AND ON SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD SAHARA, "WHICH HAD INTERRUPTED DISCUSSIONS ON PHOSPHATE AGREEMENT", KING IMPLIED ALGERIANS HAD BEEN BEHIND SOVIET ATTITUDE. MOSCOW HAD BEEN MADE TO THINK THAT TALK ABOUT MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN HAD MEANT SOME SORT OF FUTURE NATO INVOLVEMENT, KING ELABORATED. UNFORTUNATELY, MOSCOW HAD NOT ASKED MOROCCO FOR ITS VIEWS AND HAD BEEN "BLUFFED BY ITS FRIENDS". MALIK HAD THEREFORE GONE BEYOND HIS AUTHORITY AND HAD EVEN SENT TELEGRAM TO KING WITHOUT USUAL COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. MOROCCO WISHED NEVERTHELESS TO PRESERVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH USSR, KING STRESSED. ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR WERE SUBSTANTIAL, AND USSR HAD IN PAST PROVIDED ARMS. KING SAID HE HAD SENT MFA SECRETARY OF STATE CHERKAOUI TO MOSCOW TO POINT OUT THAT MALIK'S ATTITUDE COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE PREJUDICIAL TO SOVIET-MOROCCAN RELATIONS. CHERKAOUI HAD RETURNED WITH ASSURANCE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN SOVIET POSITION. KING POINTED TO RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE (RABAT 5699 PARA 17) AS IMPLYING THAT SOVIETS WERE BACK ON RIGHT TRACK. NEUMANN

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J. ARAB SUPPORT ON SAHARA: ASKED WHETHER KING WAS SATISFIED WITH POSITION OF ARAB STATES ON SAHARA, HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN MORE THAN SATISFIED IN VIEW OF MULTITUDE OF ARAB FLAGS REPRESENTED IN SAHARA MARCH. SOME ARAB FLAGS HAD BEEN ABSENT, HOWEVER, HE NOTED, A SIGN SOME STATES HAD NOT HAD "LIBERTY OF ACTION" (I.E., HAD BEEN UNDER ALGERIAN INFLUENCE). SUCH STATES HAD SOUGHT TO CALL INTO QUESTION VERY CLEAR UNANIMOUS ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT RESOLUTION WHICH HAD CONTAINED NO RESERVATIONS, HE CLAIMED, REGARDING SUPPORT OF MOROCCO, AS CONFIDENTIAL

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WELL AS MAURITANIA. KING SINGLED OUT IRAQ FOR SPECIAL WARM PRAISE; EVEN THOUGH IRAQ HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN MARCH, ITS SUPPORT IN UN HAD BEEN WORTH "TWO DIVISIONS" OF MARCHERS, AND IRAQ HAD HAD COURAGE TO OPPOSE SC PRESIDENT MALIK AND TO SPEAK ITS MIND.

K. BLACK AFRICAN SUPPORT: KING ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BLACK AFRICA, SINGLING OUT GABON, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST AND SUDAN. HE SAW BLACK AFRICAN SUPPORT AS SIGN OF RESURGENCE OF MOROCCAN ROOTS IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAD BEEN ABSENT FOR SOME YEARS.

L. MOROCCAN SUPPORT OF PLO: KING RESTATED MOROCCAN POSITION THAT PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS INDISPENSIBLE AND THAT THERE COULD BE NO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WITHOUT SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM. KING INDICATED HE WORKING STEADILY BEHIND SCENES TO SUPPORT PLO AND, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN PARIS WHICH HE HAD INITIATED THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH GISCARD.

M. ANGOLA: ASKED FOR MOROCCAN POSITION, KING SAW EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE AS MAIN CAUSE OF ANGOLAN DIFFICULTIES. HE NOTED PRESENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THREE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND CHARACTERIZED ANGOLA AS POINT OF IDEOLOGICAL TENSION AND OF STRUGGLE BETWEEN THOSE WHO WANT WINDOW ON ATLANTIC AND THOSE OPPOSED. FACT THAT CONGO AND ZAIRE, TWO IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSITE REGIMES, BORDERED ON ANGOLA DID NOT HELP MATTERS. KING FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER BIAFRA OR KATANGA AND STRESSED NEED FOR SOLUTION PRESERVING ANGOLAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

N. ROYAL FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN DRUGS: KING MUSTERED HIS FULL INDIGNATION OVER BOUMEDIENE'S PUBLISHED CHARGE THAT ROYAL FAMILY INVOLVED IN DRUGS, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT MENTIONING BOUMEDIENE SPECIFICALLY. KING SAID ACCUSERS HAD GONE TOO FAR. HE HAD INITIATED FULL INVESTIGATION EXTENDING TO EVEN MOST REMOTE RELATIVES AND HAD FOUND NO EVIDENCE WHATEVER OF ANY ROYAL FAMILY INVOLVEMENT.

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TAKE PLACE BY END OF YEAR AND THAT BY JUNE OR JULY 1976 "WE WOULD SEE CLEARLY" CONCERNING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. HE RECALLED THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN PARTICULAR HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF SAHARA, BECAUSE COUNTRY COULD NOT HAVE BENEFITTED FROM "STRIPTease" AND GARBAGE-THROWING AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES DURING CRISIS. NOW THAT SAHARA SOLVED, HOWEVER, COUNTDOWN HAD STARTED, HE SAID. KING AT ANOTHER POINT PHILOSOPHIZED THAT GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT WERE TWO INDISPENSABLE TOOLS, BUT NEITHER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BECOME BARRIER BETWEEN KING AND HIS PEOPLE. KING ALSO COMMENTED THAT INASMUCH AS HE NOT "IMMORTAL", INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE REINFORCED AND CONSTITUTION STRENGTHENED. MARCHERS SHOULD CREATE SCHOOLS OF PARTIOTISM AND "CLUBS", ALONG LINES

OF "AMERICAN LEGION". KING, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN CREATING HIS OWN POLITICAL PARTY OR MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: KING TOOK GENERALLY UPBEAT AND CONFIDENT APPROACH, PARTICULARLY ON SAHARA AND RELATIONS WITH SPAIN. MAJOR EXCEPTION WAS BASICALLY GLOOMY ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA. KING AT SAME TIME STRESSED HE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANY AND ALL ALGERIAN TROUBLE-MAKING CAPACITY. WHILE HE WAS AT PAINS TO KEEP DOOR OPEN TO A NEW START WITH ALGERIA, NOTHING HE SAID INDICATED HE REALLY THOUGHT ALGERIA MIGHT COME AROUND. ON CONTRARY, KING LAID CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON MOROCCO'S ABILITY TO GET ALONG VERY WELL WITHOUT ALGERIA AND SEEMED TO SIGNAL MAJOR NEW MOROCCAN "VERTICAL" ORIENTATION TOWARD NORTH AND SOUTH IN GOM'S WORLD OUTLOOK.

4. KING'S POINTED ALLUSIONS TO POSSIBILITY OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES FIGHTING ALONGSIDE F POLISARIO SEEM TO REFLECT A BASIC CONCERN IN KING'S THINKING, APPARENTLY INFLUENCED TO CONSIDERABLE DEGREE BY EVENTS IN ANGOLA.

5. ON FUTURE ELECTIONS, OUR RECENT SOUNDINGS WITH MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES REVEAL NO PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM ON THEIR PART, ALTHOUGH PARTIES SEEM TO EXPECT ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL AND PROFESSIONAL COUNCILS TO PROCEED FAIRLY SOON. KING HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET CONSULTED OPPOSITION CONCERNING ROLE PARTIES MIGHT PLAY IN ELECTORAL PROCESS.
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